AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Original) A composition for improving blood fluidity, comprising a proanthocyanidin as an active component.
- 2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition improves blood cell fluidity.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The composition for improving blood fluidity of claim 1 or 2, further comprising ascorbic acid or a derivative thereof.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The composition for improving blood fluidity of any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1, wherein the proanthocyanidin comprises at least 20 wt% of OPC (oligomeric proanthocyanidin).
- 5. (Original) A beverage comprising a proanthocyanidin and ascorbic acid or a derivative thereof.
- 6. (Original) The beverage of claim 5, wherein the proanthocyanidin and the ascorbic acid or derivative thereof are contained at a weight ratio of 1:0.1 to 1:500.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The beverage of claim 5 or 6, wherein the proanthocyanidin is contained in the beverage in a concentration of 1 mg/L or more.

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- 8. (Currently Amended) The beverage of any one of claims 5 to 7 claim 5, wherein the beverage is a tea drink.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The beverage of any one of claims 5 to 8 claim 5, wherein the beverage has blood fluidity improvement properties.